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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
DUIRS) Group Art Unit: 1616
Application No.: 09/622,094) Examiner: R. Dewitty
Filed: October 17, 2000)
For: Drug Delivery System)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REMARKS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant submits the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application with claim 1 being the independent claim.

Finality of the Office Action

In an Examiner Interview in February, 2003, and as recorded on an Examiner Interview Summary, the Examiner withdrew the finality of the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, the Office Action of December 4, 2002 is not final. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance or respond with an appropriate Office Action.

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